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**Press Statement**

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The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) would like to clarify information, published in a local daily newspaper today, Tuesday May 31, 2005, regarding the death of an individual on Maui May 23, 2005.

- 1) Review of patient data and laboratory results currently available indicate that there is no clear evidence of "flesh eating" necrotizing fasciitis process occurring. Exam performed on patient while hospitalized indicated that necrotizing fasciitis was NOT present.
- 2) There are no current public health recommendations regarding avoiding the use of non-steroidal, anti-inflammatory drugs in relation to necrotizing fasciitis.

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